

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

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APPENDIX

Marked up version showing changes made:

44. (Amended) The first computer of claim 43, wherein the selected path is ~~first computer~~
~~avoids the step of avoiding selection of a path that is not operational.~~

55. (Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~54, wherein step (3) comprises the step of transmitting
each of the plurality of data packets across a different path in a computer network.